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Sir:

Some time having passed without receiving an Official Action on the above-referenced application, to ensure that no communications have gone astray, we now inquire as to the status of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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